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Lincoln Mayor Bill Harris wants to pool city and UNL resources for the downtown redevelopment project.

Downtown redevelopment to continue

By James Lillis
Senior Reporter

Lincoln Mayor Bill Harris said he thinks the city and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln need to accommodate and cooperate in order to make the downtown redevelopment project and other goals successful.

He said that if downtown Lincoln is kept attractive and fills the needs of students, they will shop downtown instead of going other places.

Harris said that if the students find an appealing social life in Lincoln, they will stay here after graduation.

"Then we will grow and prosper," Harris said.

Harris said he expects the actual redevelopment of downtown will be started by late January 1988.

The mayor also said he intended to adhere to former Mayor Roland Leudtke's plan to remove businesses located within Block 35. That block, surrounded by 10th, 11th, P and Q streets, eventually will be used as a parking lot for the rest of downtown Lincoln. Many of these businesses cater to university students.

Those businesses could stay on Block 35 until the fall of 1988, Harris said. After that, the city may legally condemn the other businesses.

Until then, those businesses have the following options:

- To settle on a price with the city.
 - Request that their property be condemned immediately or wait until the fall of 1988 to have their property condemned.
- Another common interest of the city and university is the FarmAid III concert at UNL's Memorial Stadium Sept. 19.
- Harris said the concert should bring in at least \$6 million to Lincoln's economy. He said that UNL economists expect it will bring in as much as \$8 million altogether.
- Harris said he did not know how much the nation's or the state's farmers would benefit from the money raised by the concert.

\$42,000 bid brings Burger King to union

By Bob Nelson
Staff Reporter

After months of renovation, including installing new cash registers and purple neon lights, the Nebraska Union became the Home of the Whopper on Aug. 4.

"So far business has been a little slow," said Burger King manager Duane Sattler. "I'm sure business will pick up once school starts and students begin to realize that we're here."

Renovation of the space once occupied by the Union Square restaurant cost Burger King more than \$100,000. Changes included replacing kitchen equipment and cash registers, and extensive remodeling of the dining area.

Sattler said the restaurant's prices would be the same as other Lincoln Burger Kings. Beverage prices are slightly lower to compete with vending machines in the union, he said.

"It's just like any other Burger King except we've added nachos, potato skins and cookies," Sattler said.

Sattler said that Burger King has already hired 25 employees. Most of the full-time employees are not college students, but about half of the part-time workers are UNL students.

"The hiring policy is the same as at all Burger Kings," Sattler said. "We don't give special preference to UNL students."

However, Sattler said, the restaurant did not send applications to people who had worked at Union Square.

Burger King won the union space over Hardees, Runza and Taco Del Sol with a bid of \$42,000 a year. Results from an informal polling of students also helped.

The poll, conducted by Union Board members, found that people were most familiar with Burger King, and its broad

King has new home; Ron starts looking

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Open since 1978, the downtown McDonald's, 1401 O St., is looking for a new location to "better serve the campus and the community," said Terri Capatosto, McDonald's media relations manager.

"We don't believe in being stagnant," she said. "We're always looking for a better way to serve our customers."

She said that McDonald's is not moving because of the new Burger King in the Nebraska Union.

"In general, competitors look to where McDonald's is going to be," she said.

According to the Lincoln area supervisor, no word has been received about the proposed move.

Duane Sattler, restaurant manager at Burger King, said that McDonald's move will affect Burger King somewhat.

"For students going off campus, they'll have the choice of going to Wendy's or us," Sattler said. "The people on the street don't even know we're here yet."

Capatosto said no plans, dates or sites have been chosen yet.

menu appealed to a wide range of students.

Burger King's grand opening will be Oct. 11.

New requirements: Student aid conditional

By Randy Lyons
Staff Reporter

Changes in requirements for federally funded student aid programs may leave many students with considerably less financial aid than they received last year — or no aid at all.

The cuts proposed for the 1987-88 school year by the Reagan administration, which included cutting many programs altogether, didn't survive Congress intact. Instead, a compromise was reached which targeted two major areas: restrictions on which students could be considered self-supporting or independent, and restricted access to the Guaranteed Student Loan program.

The continuing changes in financial aid programs are an attempt to redirect

the growing student debt from the burden of the taxpayers back toward students themselves. The overall effect may force many students to take out less-desirable student loans to replace the money once received through the programs.

"The impact of the new changes are affecting 2,000 to 3,000 here at UNL," said Bill McFarland, UNL financial aid director.

These students probably will receive no aid or a reduced amount compared to the previous school year, he said. There have been 1,000 fewer applications for combination aid packages and 1,000 fewer students in the combination aid package priority-one group, McFarland said. Students who qualify

for grants, loans and special programs such as college work study are classified as high priority for the combined aid of these programs.

One of the major changes is restricting who can be considered independent and self-supporting. According to new rules, students are automatically self-supporting if:

- they are at least 24 by Jan. 1 of the award year;
- they are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces;
- they are orphans or wards of the court;
- they have legal dependents of their own other than spouses.

Students may be considered self-supporting if:

- they are single undergraduates and were not claimed as tax exemptions by their parents for two calendar years preceding the award year and can demonstrate income totaling at least \$4,000 each of the two years;

- they are married and can demonstrate that they will not be claimed as income tax exemptions by parents for the first year of the award year;

- they are graduate or professional students and can prove that they will not be claimed as income tax exemptions by their parents for the first year of the award year.

Because of changes "we see students who were self-supporting the last few years, and would've been this year,

being placed back into the group called 'dependents,'" McFarland said.

When that happens, the students' needs will be based back on family income and assets to calculate the amount of aid they will receive, he said.

The second major change will restrict access to the Guaranteed Student Loan program. The new standards have moved the GSL from a simple needs test or read off table which took into account income, family size and number of family members in college, to a format called uniform methodology. Uniform methodology includes all of the previous factors but also includes a portion of the family asset in figuring student need.

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UNSTA remains optimistic despite failures

By Christine Anderson
Staff Reporter

Students and officials at the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis haven't given up hope yet.

Although recent attempts to preserve their school have failed, they remain optimistic.

"The school has taken on the same attitude as the farmer — it's not over until it's really over," said Del Van Der Werff, department chairman of interdepartmental instruction at Curtis.

Jerry Huntwork, associate director of the school, agreed.

"We cannot totally give up," he said. "We have to have faith in the Legislature to find a solution."

The search for financing for Curtis began after the college was dropped by the NU Board of Regents last spring in an effort to scale down the university's budget. The board cut financing to the college because NU President Ronald Roskens said it did not fit the mission of UNL as a research and liberal arts institution.

Curtis officials opposed Gov. Kay

Orr's recent decision to veto an appropriations bill that would have allotted state money to the school. Orr vetoed the bill despite approval by the Legislature to continue financing the school.

Later, Orr visited the campus. "She visited the school after she vetoed the bill," Huntwork said.

Since then, Orr formed a special committee to search for public and private donations to finance the school. However, a solution to save the school is not a certainty, Orr said.

Don Blank, a regent and member of the committee said they are trying to examine ways to keep the school as an agricultural-vocational technical school.

Yet committee members have refused to reveal the alternatives being considered for the college.

One recent option would allow the Mid-Plains Technical Community College to take over operation of the school. But Mid-Plains board members argued that since Curtis is a state-supported school, it would not be feasible for an 18-county area to support it. The proposal was denied.

Nebraska penitentiary officials also have expressed interest in the campus.

The college would be converted into a minimum-security penal complex, and instructors would be allowed to stay at the college and teach. After two visits to the campus, penitentiary officials have not taken any action.

Orr also has proposed that FarmAid funds be used to support the school. However, the money would only provide temporary help for the college.

"We have to prepare for it to be our final year," Huntwork said.

The school now allows the remaining students to finish their education, but the school will not admit freshmen this fall. Huntwork said 50 students enrolled at Curtis this fall.

"There's interest in the school, but their registrations were sent back," he said.

The threat of losing the school has also hurt summer enrollment.

Karen Lipska, a sophomore from Pine Bluffs, Wyo., said that her largest class consists of 15 students. Total enrollment at the school has also drastically dropped. About 50 students are enrolled this summer, down from the average of 130.

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Phyllis Kaczor, a sophomore at UNSTA, says students get hands-on experience at the Curtis school.